GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:365
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PROJECTIONS FOR GAUGE CONVERSION
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the projections made for gauge conversion during the Eleventh Five Year Plan;

(b) the details of targets fixed and achieved in respect of gauge conversion during the Tenth Plan period, zone-wise; and

(c) the special measures proposed to expedite the work of gauge conversion in future?

Answer

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI LALU PRASAD)

(a) to (c) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF THE STARRED QUESTION NO. 365 BY SHRI P.C. THOMAS TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 17.04.2008 REGARDING PROJECTIONS FOR GAUGE CONVERSION

(a): Out of about 13600 Km of Meter Gauge (MG)/Narrow Gauge (NG) lines as existing on 01.04.2007, 10000 Km of lines are proposed to be converted into Broad Gauge during the XI Five Year Plan period.

(b): Against the original target of gauge conversion of 2365 Km, 4289 Km were converted during the X Plan period. The targets during the plan period were fixed, yearwise, as per the progress of projects and availability of resources. Against the upgraded targets, the achievement during the X plan period was as under:-

Railway Zone	Target	Achievement
Central	122	122
East Central	203	105
Northern	83	83
North Eastern	137	272
Northeast Frontier	397	335
North Central	151	151
North Western	586	586
Southern	923	646
South Central	454	490
South Western	284	223
South East Central	48	48
South Eastern	206	176
Western	816	1052
Total	4410	4289

(c): The funds for gauge conversion projects have been increased and some of the projects are being funded through internal generation.